



Annual Report of the Barrington Website Committee

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The site is comprised of a home page, which acts as a directory for navigating around the site for specific information under the 5 listed categories, with sub-categories under each;

1. Around the Town

- Town Calendar
- Barrington Youth
- Barrington Bulletin Board
- Town Jobs
- FAQs
- Barrington Community School
- Houses of Worship
- Moving to Barrington?
- History
- Profile of Barrington
- In The News
- Environmental Issues

2. Town Government and Town Services

- Town Government - Annual Report info
- Town Documents
- Councils & Committees
- Town Services
- Barrington Prevention Coalition
- Town Library
- Senior Activities
- Voting Info

3. Education

- Links to Barrington Public Schools Website
- Public and Private school information
- Links to Barrington Community School
- Links to East Bay Educational Collaborative

4. Businesses and Organizations

- Businesses of Barrington Directory
- Local Organization Directory

5. Sports and Recreation

- Local sports info and links

The Barrington Website Committee, comprised of Joe Shansky, Ken Mason, Steve Story, BHS senior Matt Froncillo as ex-officio member and consultant Sean Ritchie feels 2003 was a year of great activity and growth. There were ten scheduled meetings where the needs of the website were addressed. The two biggest improvements to the site were the addition of the town's Code and Ordinances online capability, allowing the residents of Barrington to access any law of the town without having to come to Town Hall and search through the printed volume. The site is actually hosted by General Codes, the firm responsible for the maintenance of the body of laws of Barrington and other cities and states across the nation. The site is

continuously updated and has a search engine capability allowing for key word searches. The 2nd improvement was email addresses for all town officers, and board chairs for easy communication with town residents.

2003 saw the addition of two new sections to the "Around the Town" category: Barrington Youth and the Barrington Community School

Barrington Youth was a project of Matt Froncillo. Matt gathered information on the Teen Action Group (TAG) a local non-profit organization comprised of high school young adults and trusted adult supervisors committed to providing a substance-free, no-smoking haven for teens in town. The Brickyard, a wholly run restaurant situated in the Maple Ave. shopping center by TAG provides that haven as well as real world experience for those involved. TAG also provides many community-based services.

Additional information on the Barrington Youth section are links for job searches, activities, Frequently Asked Questions, Jokes and links to websites of general interest.

The Town's revaluation information was put online this year and Rights of Way information was provided thanks to articles supplied by The Barrington Times.

Minutes from the Town Council and other Committees, Commissions and Councils are updated monthly as well as the monthly calendar information, volunteer and paying jobs. Information on the sale or lease of public buildings have been posted and deleted as directed. The Town's Annual Report was added this year, substituting older information. Barrington Senior Services started publishing their monthly newsletter and Barrington Prevention Coalition, under the guidance of Kathy Sullivan, has put forth a "Needs Assessment" online survey for new substance abuse programs for the town.

The Town's website will be upgrading and changing it's format in 2004. As new technology becomes available and the site grows to include many more sections, ease of navigation within the site becomes critical. To that end, the new "look and feel" of the site will add flexibility of navigation within each section, containing a directory of that section as well as ease to change sections from any page on the site. Eventually, we will be adding search engine capability to the site, making the site easier and faster for viewers to find that for which they are searching.

The Official Website of the Town of Barrington wishes to thank In-Tap LLC for hosting our site pro bono for the 7th year in a row. This has been of enormous benefit to the Town. We would also like to thank our liason from the Town Council, Martha Scavongelli, for taking a strong interest in the Town's website and enabling it to achieve the growth and success that benefits us all.